# I.C.P.O. Bulletin

## 14-21 December 2012

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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14/12/2012: Shuravi, (ex. RL3AR, RA6JL), will be active as T6T from Kabul, Afghanistan, until the summer of 2014. Activity will be on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via RW6HS. [DXAT]

15/12/2012: On Saturday morning, 15 December 2012, weather permitting, Patrick F8DYD/p will activate the Chateau de la Roche du Maine (DFCF 86-105). The Chateau is located in the City of Princay (CP 86240), canton of Canton: Monts-sur-Guesnes (DDCF 86-18), Departement Vienne/86 and Region of Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). QRV mainly 80-20 metre SSB, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F8DYD]

15/12/2012: Tom, DL5NEN, and his XYL Claudia, DO5NEN, will once again be QRV from the Seychelle islands using the callsign S79NEN. This time they will be active from La Digue island (AF-024, WLOTA 3066, WW Loc. LI75VP) 15-29 from December 2012. QSL via DO5NEN, direct or bureau. Websote: www.qrz.com/db/S79NEN [DX Newsletter]

15/12/2012: Leo, YC9MLL, will be active from Maumere, Flores Island (WW Loc. PI11CI), Tenggara Timur Islands (OC-151), between 15 December 2012 and 15 Juanuary 2013. He can be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre CW, SSB, PSK31, RTTY and SSTV, using a homebrew radio with 50-100w into a dipole and delta loop antenna. QSL direct or via DW1OXL, (eQSL OK). [rsgbiota]

17/12/2012: Chris, ZS6RI (ex-9J2RI), will be active from Lesotho as 7P8RI starting 17 December 2012 onwards, with a two week-on two week-off basis (similar to his 9J2RI activity). QSL via QRZ.com details. Blog: zs6ri.blogspot.co.uk/ [DX World]

18/12/2012: David, K3LP, will activate the following Caribbean Islands during the later half of December 2012. Specifics of his activities are not known at this time, but it will be holiday style. His tentative schedule is as follows: 18-22 December K3LP/KP4 from San Juan, Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR006S, WLOTA 2802); 23 December K3LP/KP2 from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106, USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477); 24 December K3LP/V4 from Basseterre, island of St. Kitts (NA-104); 25 December K3LP/J73 from Roseau, island of Dominica (NA-101); 26 December K3LP/J3 from St. George's, island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718); 28 December K3LP/KP2 from Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106, USi VI004S); 29-31 December K3LP/KP4 from San Juan, Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR006S, WLOTA 2802). Look for possible updates and more details at: www.k3lp.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

18/12/2012: Werner, DC8QT, will visit the island of Mahe (AF-024, WLOTA 3286, WW Loc. LI75SH), Republic of Seychelles, between 18 December 2012 and 7 January 2013. Look for him to be QRV holiday style as S79QT on 40-10 metre SSB, RTTY and PSK31 with 100W out of an IC-7000 to vertical antennas. QSL to home call, direct or via the DARC bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/DC8QT [rsgbiota.org]

20/12/2012: Martijn, PA3GFE, will once again be visiting in-laws in Peru between 20 December 2012 and 1 February 2013. During his stay he will be active

as OA4/PA3GFE on 40-10m mainly CW and digital modes, hopefully getting active on 80m too if he can get the antenna resonant. Activity is holiday style. QSL to home call via direct or bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

23/12/2012: Kei, KG2A (also JJ1RJR), will be active as V25A from the island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118) from 23-29 December 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metre SSB and CW. QSL direct only with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage to KG2A. [NG3K]

12/01/2013: Sei, JA7LU and Hiroo, JA2VWG will QRV from Dao Phu Quoc [Phu Quoc Island] (AS-128, WFF 3WFF-020, WLOTA 2523) as XV4LU and XV4DDD, respectively, from 12-16 January 2013. Activity will be on the 40m to 10m bands using SSB and RTTY. QSL direct only to their home calls (JA: only SASE; Outside JA: only SASE+1 IRC or $2.00 - no via Buro). [DX World]

24/01/2013: A team from the Bahia Blanca DX Group (LU6EVD) plan to be active as L22D (callsign pending) from Isla Gama (SA-022), Buenos Aires province, from 24-27 January 2013. They will use three modes (SSB - CW - PSK31) on all possible bands, including WARC 12m and 17m. The team leader will be Osmar, LU8DWR, along with Carlos, LU7DSY, and multiple operators that have not yet been mentioned. Further information and updates at: lu6evd.wordpress.com/2012/12/07/activacion-isla-gama-iota-sa-022/ [DX World]

15/02/2013: Operators Rudi DK7PE, Juergen DH6ICE, Juergen DH0RAK, Bernhard DK7TF and Zik DK8ZZ from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (DL0DLH) will be active as XV2DLH from Mui Ne village, Vietnam, between 15-26 February 2013. QSL via DK8ZZ, direct or DARC bureau. More info to follow. [DX World]

16/02/2013: Look for Kurt, W6PH, to be active as VP9/W6PH from the VP9GE QTH in Hamilton Parish, island of Bermuda (NA-005), for the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February), as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He also plans a SOABLP entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). QSL direct only via W6PH. [NG3K]

07/03/2013: Dave, VE3AAQ, will be active as VO2AAA from the VO2WL club station in Labrador City, NL (WW Loc. FO62NW), as VO2AAA from 7-10 March 2013. This will include an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU) on 9/10th March. Outside the contest, look for Dave to be active on all bands SSB and CW. QSL via VE3AAQ, direct preferred. [NG3K]

25/05/2013: Look for Tom, DL7UZO, to be active as 5P9Z from Bornholm island (EU-030, DIA BO-001, WLOTA 2203) between 25 May and 1 June 2013. He plans to focus on 160m and the Digital modes, also all band CW. QSL via DL7UZO, direct or DARC bureau. Website: www.5p9z.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

07/12/2012: For the first time this year, Antonello IZ0VHY has organised this special callsign II?XMAS to celebrate Merry Christmas and to wish everyone a pleasant New Year in 2013. The station will be operational from 7 December 2012 until 1 January 2013 on 80-10m bands using SSB and the Digital modes. A special QSL will be printed to celebrate the event which is available via (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/) M?OXO OQRS (Direct or Bureau) or if you prefer EQSL then this is available only via IZ0VHY EQSL account. The log will be uploaded in real time to Ham Radio Deluxe and uploads will be to Clublog. Website: www.qrz.com/db/II0XMAS [DX Newsletter]

08/12/2012: The Christmas special event stations PA12XMAS (Op: Jo, PA9JO), PB12XMAS (Op: Roberto, PB5X) and PD12XMAS (Op: Florian, PD0MP) will be ativated for the 4th time in a row from 8 December 2012 until 1 January 2013, with focus on 12m-10m SSB. QSL manager for all callsigns is Roberto, PB5X. Log will be uploaded daily to CQfriends.com - Further info at: www.CQfriends.com/pb12xmas [DX Newsletter]

14/12/2012: Special callsign II1M will be used by ARI Chivasso (IQ1GJ) on 14-16 December 2012 to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the first radio message to cross the Atlantic from North America. QSL via IQ1GJ, bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

19/12/2012: Members from Radioclub Cancun will operate as 4A0MAYA on 19-23 December 2012 to mark the start of a new cycle of the Maya Long Count Calendar. They will be QRV on 40-6 metre SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via XE3RCC. Further information at: www.4a0maya.info/ [425 DX News]

20/12/2012: MARK YOUR CALENDARS (Doomsday). According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the end of the world will occur on 21 December 2012. To celebrate this once in a lifetime event, look for special event station N0D to be on the air for the following three days: 20 December - To celebrate the end of the world; 21 December - The day of destruction. Operators will be on the air as long as possible; 22 December - This day is a little iffy right now. This operation will take place from a secret undisclosed location. QSL with SASE via KK5W, the address is in QRZ.com. According to the info on QRZ.com, "If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so don't mail your QSL request until it is safe." More information is available about certificates, official N0D Doomsday apparel (T-shirts, Caps and buttons) and becoming a registered "Official Doomsday Station" [also take the Doomsday survey] on the Official N0D Web site at: www.nowzerodays.com/ . You can also E-mail the N0D team at (N0D dot Doomsday at gmail dot com) with questions or suggestions about Doomsday. "DO IT QUICK -- TIME IS RUNNING OUT."

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

14/12 OZ7AEI/P: Fyn Island WLOTA:2690 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/12-29/12 S79NEN: La Digue Island WLOTA:3066 QSL DO5NEN (d/B)
18/12-22/12 K3LP/KP4: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL H/c (d)
18/12-7/1/13 S79QT: Mahe Island WLOTA:3286 QSL DC8QT (d/B)

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6 METRES & UP -

16/12 ARRL CW Rookie Roundup 6m class 1800z-2359z
18/12 LY 1296MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
18/12 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
18/12 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
20/12 NRAU 70MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Space Weather News for Dec. 13, 2012
GEMINID METEOR SHOWER: Earth is passing through a stream of debris from "rock comet" 3200 Phaethon, source of the annual Geminid meteor shower. Around the world, observers are counting as many as 60 shooting stars per hour, a number which could increase sharply as the shower peaks on the night of Dec. 13-14. Wherever you live, the best time to look is during the dark hours between local midnight and sunrise. Visit http://spaceweather.com for sky maps, photos, and updates. [SpaceWeather.com]

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 11 December 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

09/12/2012 Received the picture for the 5W0W card today. Gonna do the final edits and get it sent to UX5UO Gennady for printing 73 NR6M [TWITTER]

09/12/2012 7Z7AB AS-190 QSL status--cards have just been received from the printer and mailing will begin tomorrow. [TWITTER]

13/12/2012 8R0Y now via M0URX only. [TWITTER]
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QSLs via Bureau: 3D2YA, 4J85W, 5X7FN, 6W/DL2AWG, 6Y1V, 9L0W, 9Y4W, A6/DL9WVM, AH0BT, BV0G, C5A, D2AM, DK150RB, DL0YLG, FH/DL7BC, FR/DJ7RJ, H44WG, HB0/DF7EF, HP1WW, HR9/AI5P, HS0ZGV, K6VVA/KL7, K8LJG/4, KH0/HB9BCK, MJ/DL3SEM, OD5PL, OZ1HQ, P4/DF7ZS, PJ2/DL5RDP, PJ2/KE1B, PJ2/W0NB, PJ2/W5XU, PJ7NK, PJ7PT, PR5A, S9DX, SV2JAO, TF/DL3SEM, TO7C, TX7M, V5/DC8QT, V5/DJ9KM, V5/DL3DXX, V55V, VK9XM, VP2EAT, VP9/WW3S, VU2XO, YO9XC, Z24EA, ZA20QA and ZF2LC.

QSLs via Direct: 3B9SP (HB9ACA), 3V8BB (LX1NO), 9K9HQ (9K2HN), A31JY (JA1JQY), A31KJ (JA1KJW), EG5INT (OQRS), EW6DX (EB7DX), JI3DST/JI1 [AS-008] (H/c), LA/JH0CJH (JH0CJH), NH8S (OQRS), T30PY (OQRS), TI2CLX (QRZ.com), TO6T (UA3DX), V21C (VE6AQF), VK9PN (VK2PN), VU3BPZ/P (I1HYW), XX9THX (QRZ.com), YV4MP (QRZ.com), YV7/UA9YPS (H/c cba), Z60K (G3TXF) and ZB2FK (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: 4O4A, 5H1HS, 6Y9X, 8P5A, 9A7A, 9Y4D, AH0/N0AT, C6AKQ, C6AXY, CR3A, CY0AA, D4C, D64K, DL1YD, EA8AY, ED1R, EI3KG, EL2LF, EL2MF, FY5KE, G3NKC, GM5X, GX6YB, HA8IE, HI3TEJ, HK1NA, HP1WW, HQ2N, J68HZ, KH6LC, KP2MM, NH8S, NP3X, ON5UR, OT5A, P40T, PJ2T, PJ4X, PT6MM, PT0S, PW7T, PY1PL, PY3OZ, S58N, SV1CQN, TM6M, TO2A, TT8TT, V26B, V26E, V26K, V63JX, VP2V/AA7V, VQ5X, YY4DNN and ZK2C.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

DX Marathon:
The "CQ Magazine" invites all to its annual "DX Marathon" again.
We need to work as many countries and areas within one calendar year.
No QSLs needed. See also: www.dxmarathon.com/
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NAQCC - North American QRP CW Club -
Do something special for Christmas 2012 and the New Year 2013.
Join the largest QRP CW Club in the world, with chapters across the USA. We also have a chapter for our friends in Europe.
Membership is free! Never any dues ... just fun on the air meeting other fellow hams using CW. QRO operators are always welcome as well. Even SWLs can particpate!
We offer slow speed CW nets to improve your CW skills, "elmers", sprint

contests and many other events and award programs for everyone.
Give yourself a gift for Christmas - a handsome membership certificate, with your lifetime membership number FREE! Just sign up on our website.
You will be helping to promote the use of the CW mode on our ham bands. CW - the preferred mode of all "cream of the crop" top contesters and DXers.
72/73 de Dave VA3RJ (NAQCC #0004)
for
NAQCC - http://naqcc.info/
NAQCC Europe - http://naqcc-eu.org/
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WCA-HBD 2013!
Hello Dear Friends!
On January, 14th will be four years sharp since the date of World Castles Award Program foundation. In connection with this event on January, 19th and 20th, will take place activity radiohams from castles and fortresses of the world - WCA Happy Birth Day (WCA HBD).
At present we have support from radiohams of some countries who will be active from castles and fortresses their own countries during these days.
73 & 11! de Andrew RN1CW
WCA Co-ordinator (World Castles Award)
www.wcagroup.org/
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** WWFF - WorldWide Flora & Fauna in amateur radio **

A new program, a new website!
All information at: http://ww-ff.blogspot.nl/

Stay up to date on WWFF activities!
Join the WWFF Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/flora_fauna/
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YE6A - Rondo Island OC-245 -
Adhi, YB3MM and friends are organizing a new adventure to Rondo Island OC-245, a small uninhabited island located in the far west of Indonesia in the province of Aceh (northern Sumatra). Eight years ago the island was affected by a huge tsunami. Activity is planned between 9-17 March 2013 and the special call of YE6A has been applied for. Adhi mentions the team are looking for international operators to join them if possible. Contact yb3mm[at]mdxc.org for more info. [DX World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WCA program for Canada.

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WWFF committee council member.
http://ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
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